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| In re Application of:          | ) | Art Unit: 1637          |
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| For: CATIONIC DYE COMPOUND FOR | ) | January 28, 2008        |
| DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID...      | ) |                         |

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendment  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2007, for which a one month extension of time to respond is hereby requested, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.